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I

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	A	3,711,767	1/16/076	Campbell, Jr. et al.			
	B	6,002,671	12/14/99	Kahkoska et al.			

Foreign Documents

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	C	SU 1 278 737 A1	12/23/86	SU			X	

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	E	French Preliminary Search Report, FR 0212671, French filing date October 11, 2002, date Search Report mailed- July 4, 2003.

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